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		5,604,097	2/18/97	Brenner			
		5,605,794	2/25/97	Rust et al.			
		5,679,524	10/21/97	Nikiforov et al			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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		WO 96/31622	10.10.96	WO				
		EP 0-742-287-A2	13.11.96	EP				
		WO 97/46711	11.12.97	WO				
		WO 98/14610	9.4.98	WO				

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

		International Search Report from PCT/US01/31993

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